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PRESS RELEASE

**San Luis Obispo County Deputy DA (Retired)
Receives Career Achievement Award**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, July 1, 2016 – District Attorney Dan Dow announced today that recently retired Deputy District Attorney David W. Pomeroy has been named as the newest recipient of the California District Attorney Association's (CDAA) John J. Meehan Career Achievement Award. The award was presented to David Pomeroy during the annual Awards Banquet at the CDAA Summer Conference in San Diego, on Thursday, June 30, 2016.

In his 37 year career, Mr. Pomeroy successfully prosecuted many of the toughest and high profile cases in San Luis Obispo County. Several of Pomeroy's notable cases include: *People v Jason Kahn, Jeremiah Hernandez, et al* (2012), a four defendant hate crime that involved the burning of an eleven foot cross on the lawn outside of the window of an African-American young woman; *People v. Matthew Levine* (2009), a "no body" homicide in which Mr. Levine killed his grandmother and reported her missing; and *People v James Paul Bash* (1989), a tragic murder case wherein Mr. Bash kicked a man to death. Mr. Bash had already been convicted of one murder and had been paroled from prison.

The respect and admiration Mr. Pomeroy has earned is reflected in the nomination endorsements from local members of the criminal justice system, including retired District Attorney Gerald T. Shea, retired Assistant District Attorney Dan Hilford, and former District Attorney, now Judge Barry T. LaBarbera. Other letters of support for Pomeroy's selection came from victims and the Anti-Defamation League of Los Angeles.

District Attorney Dow stated, "Dave is truly deserving of this very prestigious recognition. There is no doubt that San Luis Obispo County is safer today, because of the hard work of Dave Pomeroy, than it would have been without his dedication. I am so pleased that he was selected for this award."

CDAA's John J. Meehan Career Achievement Award is named after Meehan, who served as the Alameda County District Attorney from 1982-1995. Those nominated for the award must have a long-standing commitment to criminal prosecution and a history of involvement with CDAA's training, publications, and/or legislative activities. They also must be retired or scheduled to retire as prosecutors within a year of the award being presented. Mr. Pomeroy retired from the San Luis Obispo County DA's Office in December 2015.

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